GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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ASSISTANCE FROM EUROPEAN UNION
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether European Council has recently announced any aid/assistance for health and education programme in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the quantum of amount sanctioned; and

(c) the terms and conditions of the said aid/assistance including the period for which the amount is likely to be spent?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a)-(c) The European Commission provides assistance to India in the form of grant for the implementation of mutually agreed projects, with priority to projects in the health and education sectors.

The European Commission made an announcement in Brussels on 16.02.2007 that it was proposing Euros 470 million under the new Country Strategy Paper for India for 2007-2013. However, Government of India have not yet received any formal communication from the European Commission in this regard.